

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

STEPHANIE RIDGWAY,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SUN VALLEY GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
DISTRICT,

Defendant.

3:15-cr-00002-HDM-WGC

**ORDER FOR PREPARATION  
OF JURY INSTRUCTIONS**

All proposed jury instructions are required to be filed and served by **Tuesday, February 28, 2017**. Jury instructions are to be submitted in the following format:

(a) The parties shall jointly submit one set of agreed upon instructions. To accomplish this, the parties shall serve their proposed instructions on each other two (2) weeks prior to the trial. The parties shall then meet, confer, and submit to the Court one complete set of agreed instructions.

(b) If the parties cannot agree upon one complete set of instructions, they shall submit one set of those instructions that have been agreed upon, and each party shall submit a supplemental set of instructions which are not agreed upon.

(c) These joint instructions and supplemental instructions shall be filed five (5) days prior to the trial. Each party shall then file, two (2) days before trial, any objections to the non-agreed upon instructions proposed by the other party. All objections shall be in writing and shall set forth the proposed instruction objected to in its entirety. The objection should then specifically set forth the objectionable material in the proposed instruction. The objection shall contain citation to authority explaining why the instruction is improper and a concise statement of argument concerning the instruction. Where applicable, the objecting party shall submit an alternative instruction.

(d) The parties shall submit the proposed joint set of instructions and proposed supplemental instructions in the following format:

(i) there must be two (2) copies of each instruction;

(ii) the first copy shall indicate the number of the proposed instruction and the authority supporting each instruction; and

(iii) the second copy shall contain only the proposed instruction –

1 there should be no other marks or writings on the second copy except for the word  
2 "Instruction # \_\_\_\_ " in the bottom margin.

3 (e) On the day of trial, the parties may submit a concise argument supporting  
4 the appropriateness of each party's proposed instructions to which the other party  
5 objected.

6 (f) All instructions should be short, concise, understandable, and neutral  
7 statements of law. Argumentative or formal instructions are improper, will not be  
8 given, and should not be submitted.

9 (g) Parties should also note that any modifications of instructions from  
10 statutory authority, Devitt and Blackmar, Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Jury  
11 Instructions, or any other form instructions, must specifically state the modification  
12 made to the original form instruction and the authority supporting the modification.

13 (h) Failure to comply with any of the above instructions may subject the  
14 noncomplying party and/or counsel to sanctions.

15 (i) Using **WordPerfect or Word** software, counsel shall submit to the Court  
16 proposed jury instructions without citations: one document containing the joint jury  
17 instructions, one document for the plaintiff's proposed instructions, and one  
18 document for the defendant's proposed instructions. Proposed jury instructions shall  
19 be submitted via email and addressed to [paris\\_rich@nvd.uscourts.gov](mailto:paris_rich@nvd.uscourts.gov).

20 The Court further orders the Clerk to serve copies of this Order on all parties.

21 The date of the Clerk's file mark shall constitute the date of this Order.

22 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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24 /s/  
25 HOWARD D. McKIBBEN  
26 SENIOR U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE  
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